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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ISSUES ORDER DISMISSING
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TAYLOR CULVER, FORMER COMMISSIONER OF THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, PURSUANT TO STIPULATED DISPOSITION
AND VACATING HEARING DATE

The Commission on Judicial Performance filed a Notice of Formal Proceedings in the inquiry concerning Taylor Culver, Commissioner of the Alameda County Superior Court on October 17, 2016. A hearing before special masters appointed by the Supreme Court was set to commence in San Francisco on January 23, 2017. The commission issued an order dismissing the proceedings and vacating the hearing date based on the commission's vote to accept a Stipulated Disposition (Stipulation) submitted by former Commissioner Culver, represented by Arthur J. Harris, Esq., and the examiner for the commission, Mark A. Lizarraga.

Former Commissioner Culver resigned his position with the Alameda County Superior Court on November 30, 2016. Pursuant to the Stipulation, the former commissioner agrees to not seek or hold judicial office, or accept a position or an assignment as a judicial officer, subordinate judicial officer, or judge pro tem with any court in the State of California, or accept a reference of work from any California state court, at any time in the future.

The terms and conditions of the Stipulation state that if former Commissioner Culver fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the agreement, or seeks or holds judicial office, or accepts a position or an assignment as a judicial officer, subordinate judicial officer, or judge pro tem with any court in the State of California, or accepts a reference of work from any California state court, at any time in the future, the commission may seek to discipline the former commissioner and may re-institute formal proceedings regarding the matters charged in the Notice.

The commission's Order Dismissing Charges Pursuant to Stipulated Disposition and Vacating Hearing and the Stipulation are available on the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov> (under "Pending Cases- Press Releases & Documents" and "Public Discipline & Decisions") and at the commission's office.

The commission is composed of six public members, three judges, and two lawyers. The chairperson is Anthony P. Capozzi, Esq. Commission members Ms. Mary Lou Aranguren and Hon. Erica R. Yew are recused in this matter.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov>.